

INFORMATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS
EIPH Board of Health
4/27/17

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

1. EIPH's General Staff Meeting

We will be holding our General Staff Meeting on May 4, 2017, at our Idaho Falls office. This is where staff from all of EIPH's meet for in person for a day of training and education. All of EIPH's offices will be closed to the public that day.

2. Legislative Services Audit

A team of auditors from the State of Idaho's Legislative Services office will be on site at EIPH's main office the week of May 8-12, 2017 to conduct the audit for Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016. Highlights of the audit will be shared with the Board of Health at our September 21, 2017 meeting.

3. FY18 Budget Hearing

The Public Hearing for EIPH's FY18 budget is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2017. It will be held in the Board Room of EIPH's Idaho Falls office (1250 Hollipark Drive).

4. WIC Program Audit

State WIC staff will be on site at EIPH to conduct an audit of the program the week of June 19–23, 2017. The audit will involve review of financials, policies and procedures, staff training requirements, and more. During the week, auditors will visit our Idaho Falls, Dubois, and Mud Lake offices.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM HEALTH EDUCATION, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND PREPAREDNESS DIVISION

1. Give Kids a Smile Day Summary

February 3, 2017, marked the 14th annual Give Kids a Smile Day (GKAS) event, a day in which dental professionals and their staffs volunteer to provide FREE dental services to uninsured, low income children. GKAS is sponsored by Eastern Idaho Public Health, Upper Snake River Dental Society, and the Idaho State Dental Association with a grant from Mountain View Charity. This year, participating dental professionals provided services to 187 children valuing \$73,356. Over the life of the project, 5,553 children have been served with dental services valuing \$1,598,404.

For more details about GKAS, visit: <https://eiph.idaho.gov/Health%20Promotion/Oral%20Health/gkas.html>

2. May 11 Preparedness Exercise

On Thursday, May 11, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the Eastern Idaho Public Health will be leading a Pediatric Evacuation and Recovery Full Scale Exercise. A simulated 6.2M earthquake will cause healthcare facility damage, necessitating the need to address: Command and Control; Interoperable communication; Vulnerable populations; Volunteer deployment; Fatality management; Medical sheltering; Responder health monitoring; Hospital evacuation, relocation, and patient tracking; and recovery operations. Participating organizations include: Bonneville County Emergency Management; Clark County Emergency Management; Eastern Idaho Public Health; Eastern Idaho Medical Reserve Corps; Eastern Idaho Healthcare Coalition; Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center; Fremont County Emergency Management; Fremont County Coroner; Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Northeast Area Field

Officer; Jefferson County Emergency Management; Madison County Emergency Management; Madison Memorial Hospital; Mountain View Hospital; Mud Lake Ambulance; Teton County Coroner; Teton County Emergency Management; and Teton Valley Hospital.

3. Regional Readiness Rendezvous

Eastern Idaho Healthcare Coalition teamed with Southeast Idaho Healthcare Coalition to present the 3rd annual Regional Readiness Rendezvous. It was presented April 10 and 11, 2017, in Idaho Falls. Attendees came from throughout Idaho and northern Utah. The first day there was a nationally known speaker from Denver presenting to the healthcare attendees on Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) for their businesses. The second day was for all coalition members. Dr. Jaimie Farell from the University of Utah presented concerning Seismic and Volcanic Hazards in the Intermountain West. Dr. Aaron Gardner of EIRMC presented on Kids in Crisis and Regional Pediatric Preparedness. Tom Larson from INL presented on Cyber Security and Login Zuck from Idaho Falls gave an informative presentation about Behavioral Health Stigmas. It was a great success and planning is beginning for the 4th annual Regional Readiness Rendezvous for April 2018. Over 115 people attended the events.

4. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Rules Presentations

EIPH's Preparedness Team has been active in the community the past two months presenting at Local Emergency Planning Council (LEPC) meetings throughout the health district's region. Area health care entities have been invited to attend as we discuss the new CMS rules (42 CFR Parts 403, 416, and 418) related to facilities that bill Medicare now being required to increase their planning and exercising with Community First Responder Partners. This is a new requirement for them from the Bureau of Facilities Management. EIPH's Preparedness Staff discussed the Four Core Elements in the CMS Emergency Preparedness Rule that providers are required to meet: Emergency plan; policies and procedures; communication plan; and training and testing program. The workshop provided training to participants on how they could conduct a risk assessment for their facility using a Hazard Vulnerability Analysis (HVA) and how to write a basic disaster plan. These trainings also helped build working relationships between agencies within the Eastern Idaho Healthcare Coalition.

5. Epidemiology

EIPH's Epidemiology Team has represented our health district well by contributing to several articles recently/soon-to-be published in professional journals.

- On December 9, 2016, there was an article in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* (MMWR) concerning an investigation of a cat with plague in our health district. Mike Taylor contributed to this article, which can be read in its entirety here: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/wr/mm6548a5.htm?s_cid=mm6548a5_e
- On June 2, 2017, the MMWR will include an article concerning EIPH staff's involvement in a case in which a hospital's in-house laboratory machine misidentified invasive *Vellonella* for *Francisella Tularensis* in a patient. Ken Anderson and Tammy Cox contributed to this article.
- The July/August 2017 edition of *Journal of Environmental Health* will feature an article about Gastroenteritis associated with Rafting the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in 2013. Ken Anderson and Mike Taylor contributed to this article.